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## Advice to Colored Men.

We dip the following good advice to colored men from the *Louisville Weekly Planet*, a paper edited by colored men, and entitled to the support of every man of that race in this country, and to the encouragement of all good citizens:

It is not what we eat, but what we digest that makes us fat.

It is not what we eat, but what we remember that makes us learned.

It is not what we earn, but what we save that makes us rich.

These are aims which have governed and still ought to govern, all who have succeeded, and will still succeed.

And long since, "Where there is will there is a way," has been the watchword of all whose names are enrolled on the pages of history, as men of honor, genius and wisdom.

While we seek the crowded city, and huddle together in small rooms and smoky sanctuaries, situated on alleys, in basements and over stables, breathing vitiated air, unavoidable under such circumstances, we may expect the prevalence of consumption and all the loathsome diseases which spread like fire in the wide prairie. Nor can we expect to preserve a vigorous and healthy constitution by the application of wholesome food and medical prescriptions.

If our agriculture furnishes and insufficiency of means, by which we are enabled to live in well ventilated rooms situated upon the streets, where we can breathe the pure air, necessary to give vitality to the system, both mental and physical, let us at once and promptly describe the city and see the country, where we can earn and obtain a honest living, be independent and enjoy the fruits of our labor.

Millions of acres of untilled land are inviting us to come and gather sustenance from their rich and inexhaustable stores of wholesome food in an amphitheatered atmosphere.

Yet, while all the avenues to wealth and prosperity are open to us, we refuse them all, and corruption is raising its hydra head awaiting an opportunity to devour us.

The public mind is being abused with the idea the colored man is a voting chisel.

Hence each candidate calculates the value of the office, next value of each vote, and uses his money accordingly.

Candidates are thronged with men, offering for sale their votes.

Awash with such corruption as that, Disabuse the mind of the public of the idea that your vote is worth just so much in legal currency. Do not depend on political canvassing to earn and obtain your bread. Get off the street corners. Have some trade, profession, or honest occupation by which you may acquire an honest livelihood, and thus hand down to posterity your liberties so dearly bought.

Faithful labor and untiring energy, strict economy and frugality, are the only means by which we can become a great people.

It is said, and with reason we think, "that we must educate." Knowledge is power, and he who possesses it wields an influence.

It is the key to wealth and fame; nor can we, more than other men, expect to attain eminence by any other means than that which underlies all that is great and noble.

Another question of vital importance to the colored people, is the accumulation of wealth.

The possession of the Almighty dollar is one of the most effective elements by which an influence is wielded in this country.

Of money we need the most and possess the least.

We say the most needed because without it we are unable to attain knowledge.

An example, take Louisville. Here we are limited to \$13,000 for the education of about 3,000 children.

The amount of taxable property of the city is about \$412,000, belonging to the colored property owners.

The cause of our poverty is not idleness, or vagrancy. We are an industrious and working people, we make money enough; but we are to some extent a spendthrift people.

We love pleasure more than money, and fine dress more than independence.

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We prefer rather to live in fine houses than our own homes. We prefer rather to elect a man to office for five dollars paid in hand, than save ten dollars in the way of taxation.

We prefer, rather than suffer a little humiliation, to spend a thousand dollars in litigation.

In fact, all the money we make, we rest till it is out of our hands, and we are content to work for our living, and our first duty then is to learn the law of economy, and faithfully apply it. Save the cents and the dollar will take care of themselves. Self-denial, is one of the first of christian virtues.

Rather than spend twenty dollars on railroad excursions, let us deposit in the bank. Rather than spend thirty dollars for a picnic, let us invest in real estate. Rather than spend fifty dollars in litigation, let us suffer a temporary humiliation. And remember, every dollar thus spent is a complete transfer of property to the white people, and not a dollar the education of our youths, as the law now stands.

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siderable to an ignominious grave.

We repeat, a free people must be a thoughtful people.

Independence, education and strict economy should ever direct our actions in our interests and with men.

## PUNNY—PUNNIES.

Great bakers—Female bakers.

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I don't remember ever having seen you before," said the lawyer to his son.

Why is the alphabet like cutting the first teeth? Because it is taught you (tooth) when young.

Hosiery, Gloves, Shawls, Ladies' Vests and Pants, Gentlemen's Linen Shirts, Merino Shirts and Drawers, Trunks, Valises, etc.

## Motions.

Prints, Brown Cottons, Blanched Cottons, Ticking, Linseys, White and Colored Flannels.

## Domestics.

Hats, Caps, etc., etc.

## We have a Complete

Assortment of Glass and Greenware, Table Cutlery, Siftings, etc., etc. In a word, everything usually found in a first-class general store.

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## An Arkansas Letter.

MY DEAR BOY: The double-barrel that you sent came safely to hand, and I was shot at once while I was carrying it home. Bill popped it at me from behind the fence, it was passing him home, but I had loaded the two-shooter as I got it, and he didn't jump up from behind the fence but once.

I am glad that one of the barrels is a rifle, as I need it for a long-range practice. The other I can fill with buckshot, and riddle a man at close quarters. I mean to try both barrels on these Jeffs when I meet them. You see, old man, Jeffs made a mule from us in the war, and when it was over I paid him and killed him. Then Nigger Tom Jett, as we call him—the black-faced one—he paid for Tom and plucked him. Then I picked a few with Tom and cut him into gribbles, and since that time his brother Sam has been laying for me. I know it is his turn, but I think my double-barrel will prove to much for him.

If you want to see fun come down for a while and bring a rifle. It don't make any difference which side you belong to, it isn't even necessary to join the militia. It's easy enough to get up a grudge against somebody, and all you have to do is to lay for your man and knock him over.

Behind my pig pen is one of the sweetest places I know of, and it is so handy! A good many people come within range in the course of a week, and a man can pass his time right pleasantly.

I wish you would send me a catalogue of Sunday school books with the prices, if there are any in St. Louis. If we can get them on time we will take a big lot of books. I am superintendent of the Baptist Sunday school now, and am running it under a full head of steam. Old man Byers, who was turned out, is right mad about it and swears he will claw me up; but he will claw lead if he don't keep clear of me.

My wife wants to know if you can send her a new set of teeth without getting measured for them. Her twenty-five dollar set was bursted all to blisters by a pistol shot that went through her mouth; but it didn't hurt her tongue. Write to your friend and pard,

P. S.—That sneaking, oily cur, Sam Jett, cropt up and fired at me through the window, but he didn't happen to kill anybody but a negro girl. I mean to go for him, though to-day, and will be glad of a chance to try the double-barrel.

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